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**RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

In Response to the Interview Summary mailed April 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit Applicants' Summary of Interview pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

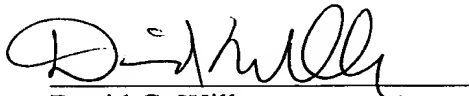
In a telephone interview with Examiner James S. McClellan on April 8, 2004, Applicants proposed submitting an after final amendment adding the limitation "an organizational business relationship" to Claims 1 and 12 to further clarify what the Applicants consider to be the invention. The Examiner stated that such an amendment would require a new search and, therefore, would not be entered. Consequently, Applicants stated that they would file a Request for Continued Examination containing these claim amendments. On April 8, 2004, Applicants filed an RCE and an accompanying response which contained these claim amendments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy and opportunity to conduct the telephone interview. Applicants respectfully note that in the Examiner's Interview Summary, mailed April 8, 2004, the Examiner misunderstood the language of the amendment proposed by the Applicants. The Examiner states that the Applicants proposed the amendment of "an organizational vendor relationship." However, the amendment proposed by Applicants during the telephone interview with the Examiner and in the response accompanying the RCE amends Claims 1 and 12 to recite "an organizational business relationship." Furthermore, Applicants note that these amendments were made to further clarify the present invention and to distinguish it from the disclosure in the Anderson reference rather than to specifically overcome the disclosure of vendor information including the industries in which a particular vendor participates disclosed in *Anderson*.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation. If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact its attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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